from 1st July becomes payable with the salary of September.

(c) The Wholesale Price Index (Base 1981-82=100) for all commodities was 204.9 for the week ending 10th August, 1991.

(d) As per existing orders, every additional instalment of Dearness Allowance due is to be calculated with reference to the percentage increase in whole numbers in the 12 monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960=100) over the average index of 608.

(e) and (f) The matter is under consideration.

Loan waiver scheme covering non-nationalised banks

299. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loan waiver scheme covers only the loans given by nationalised banks and not non-nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has recommended to Government to cover loans given by non-nationalised banks under the Scheme; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990, the loans issued only by Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks are eligible for relief under the Scheme. The Scheme was limited to the above category of banks only, and no other types of credit institutions were brought under its purview.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government do not propose to make any changes in the Scheme, and private sector banks will not be covered under the Scheme.

Detection of occupational diseases

300. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the detection rate of the occupational diseases from the existing occupational disease cases; and

(b) what steps Governmetn propose to take to increase detection rate of such cases and what are the details of follow up action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

301. [*Transferred to the 6th September, 1991.*]

Research fellowships allotted to Delhi University

302. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of research fellowships allotted to the Delhi University by University Grants Commission and other agencies; and

(b) what is the availability of research fellowships in different Departments of Delhi University ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by University of Delhi, UGC has allotted 119 Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) to the University for award to candidates who have qualified in National Education Test (NET) examination for doing M. Phill./ Ph. D. According to information furnished by UGC, the Commission has also allotted 228 positions of JRFs on supernumerary basis to the University. These candidates register themselves for M. Phil/Ph. D. in the Department of their choice. University of Delhi has also been given 53 Junior

Research Fellowship (JRFs) by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

In addition, UGC has given 21 Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) which have been allotted to various Departments as follows: Law-5; Urdu-2; Sociology-2; Psychology-1; Linguistics-1; African Studies-8; Buddhist Studies-2.

UGC has also provided 34 Junior Research Fellofships (JRFs) under Centres of Advanced Study (CAS) Programmes as follows: Physics-6; Chemistry-6; Zoology-6; Botany-4; Economics-4; Sociology-8.

Overburdening of Delhi Judicial Service Officers

303. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the judicial officers of Delhi are overloaded; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to give them reilef?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Holding of general elections in Punjab

304. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for holding general elections in Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the scheduled dates for the elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) According to the notification issued by the Election Commission of India on the 20th June, 1991, the date of poll in the State of Punjab is 25th September, 1991, and the date before which the elections shall be completed is 30th September, 1991.

Deaths due to heat-hyper-pyrenia

305. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1270 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the number of deaths caused by Heat-hyper-pyrenia during the last two months; and

(b) what preventive measures are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) National Institute of Communicable Diseases, New Delhi, have reported that 45 deaths have been occurred from 27-6-1991 to 13-7-1991 due to Heat-hyper-pyrexia in the various hospitals in Delhi. So far as action to prevent the spread of the disease is concerned, experts are of the opinion that as the disease is not a communicable one, there are no apprehensions of its spread. However, efforts have been made to gear up the emergency services of the hospitals and other necessary action has been taken.

Malaria cases in Chandigarh

306. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1250 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a 100 per cent increase in malaria cases in Chandigarh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and